

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF BIO FUEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any research is being carried out in the country for production of bio-fuel by diverting sugar for this purpose;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the institutions conducting the research have taken note of warning to Western countries by UN's special rapporteur on the right to food accused them of "total hypocrisy" for promoting bio-fuels to cut their own dependence on imported oil;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) & (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has not undertaken any such research.
- (c),(d)&(e) - Do not arise.